

I urge you to prohibit Sinclair Broadcasting from requiring that their stations air the anti-Kerry documentary without equal time, and that doesn't mean giving Kerry 5 minutes to rebut. Rather, it means airing a pro-Kerry documentary during the same broadcast time the following day or immediately before or after the anti-Kerry documentary.

Preferably, I ask that you prohibit Sinclair from airing this program just days before the election. Not to do so would make the FCC complicit in what I believe is an unlawful action.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.